GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SCHEME TO STORE RAIN WATER
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate a scheme to store the rain water and utilise it for drinking and irrigation purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. There is no proposal to formulate a scheme to store the rain water and utilise it for drinking and irrigation purposes. However, the soil and moisture conservation measures in the projects under Watershed Development Programmes and Afforestation Progammes of various Ministries/Departments help in conservation and harvesting ofrain water and recharge of aquifers, wells and water bodies helping in augmenting availability of water for drinking and irrigation purposes.